

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JOHN H.
BETJEMANN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of the most selfless and caring citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana, Mr. John H. Betjemann. John has spent the past 23 years dedicating his life to promoting healthcare development and community service to all of Northwest Indiana. His career as President and CEO of the Methodist Hospitals in Gary, Merrillville, and surrounding communities has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to his community, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on June 26, 2003 at St. Timothy's Church in Gary, Indiana.

John Betjemann has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. He has focused his work on Neuroscience and Oncology medical services for diagnostics and treatment of cancer, brain tumors, and many other diseases. He has also provided Northwest Indiana with the Midlake Campus, which helps in the development services for children and new paramedic training for employees. He has also assured the identification of youth who are at risk of sudden cardiac trauma by providing high school athletic screening programs at no charge. Also in 1999, John established the Smoke-Free Hospital Policy to help promote better healthcare environments for the patients, employees, and visitors of Methodist Hospitals.

Along with the countless service organizations and programs that John has initiated, he has also been involved in many community organizations and projects. He has been a powerful member of the Horace Mann Ambridge Neighborhood Improvement Organization, which rehabilitates homes in the Northlake Campus area for low income, disabled families, and provides resources for repair and maintenance to these homes. He has also been a strong leader of the Adopt-A-Park Project, which along with IVY Tech, Gary Parks Department, and Lake County Job Training, helps to enhance Gary City parks by installing modern play equipment.

Along with his many other accomplishments, John has also received numerous community service and leadership awards. In 1988, John was given the Community Service Award by the Tolle-Mann Business Association. In 1995, he was the recipient of the Crystal Globe Award, which was given by the Asian American Medical Society. The Wellness Council also acknowledged him in 2000 for implementing the Health Institute.

Mr. Speaker, John has given his time and efforts selflessly to his employees and patients throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of his staff the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indi-

ana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Betjemann for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

SUPPORT NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
SOCIAL WORK MONTH

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, as a social worker, I rise to highlight the beneficial work performed every day by social workers across this country. Social work is a unique profession, which combines a diverse skill set to serve individuals, families, groups, communities, organizations, as well as society-at-large.

Social workers help people address a wide variety of concerns, from homelessness, substance dependence and abuse, and mental illnesses to community development, employee assistance programs, emergency preparedness, and disaster relief. They work directly with individuals, couples, families, and groups to identify and overcome these and other challenges. Many social workers also aid communities, organizations, and systems in the improvement of services and the administration of social and health programs. As a result, social workers may be found in a variety of settings, among them, private practice, health and mental health, education, community, public welfare, agency administration, and policy and planning.

Social workers hold almost 500,000 jobs, with one in three found in State, county, or municipal government agencies, primarily in departments of health and human services, mental health, social services, child welfare, housing, education, and corrections. In the private sector, social workers provide services in hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, and other health centers or clinics. An increasing number have successfully sought elected offices in local, State, and Federal Government, to further contribute to the welfare of our country and our society. I would like to commend our colleagues, Representatives BARBARA LEE, SUSAN DAVIS, and ED TOWNS, who are exemplary professional social workers, and are among the almost two hundred publicly elected social workers serving their communities.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment of social workers is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. The elderly population is increasing rapidly, creating greater demand for health and social services, resulting in particularly rapid job growth among gerontology social workers. Social workers also will be needed to help the large baby-boom "sandwich" generation deal with the resulting pres-

ures, depression and mental health concerns stemming from mid-life, career, or other personal and professional difficulties. In addition, continuing concern about crime, juvenile delinquency, and services for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, the physically disabled, AIDS patients, and individuals and families in crisis, will spur demand for social workers.

Hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare services will continue to depend on social workers to coordinate and provide aftercare services for their clients. The popularity of assisted-living communities among the expanding senior population requires the expertise of social work gerontology specialists. Social workers with substance abuse and addiction skills offer those seeking treatment a better chance at successful reintegration into society. Employment of school social workers is expected to grow in order to address rising student enrollments. Outcomes-based treatment provided by social workers facilitates the cost effectiveness goals of managed care organizations, enabling those in private practice to be heavily utilized and increase access to services. The increase in employee assistance programs (EAP) has also fueled the demand for private practitioners, many of whom are contracted with small and large corporations, local, State, and Federal agencies. With the September 11 attacks and its aftermath, EAP social workers have helped survivors to deal with the uncertainty and trauma of terrorism and war, and continue to support employees and their families.

Earlier this year, I reintroduced H.R. 844, the National Center for Social Work Research Act. This act would establish a center within the National Institutes of Health to coordinate ongoing social work research, develop new methods to help social workers provide effective services to the public, and promote the use of social work research to improve public policy.

Social work research, through the coordinated efforts of the National Center, will undeniably advance both the delivery and quality of health care and social services in this country. Fiscal responsibility and accountability demand that the best practices are determined through, and grounded in, empirically-based research. Consumers, practitioners, and policymakers must demand service effectiveness and cost efficiency, facilitated by the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research. Social workers, as front-line professionals, compile information that seeks to understand the dynamics that lead to social issues, provide empirical support for best practice approaches to improve service delivery, and translate them into public policy decisions. With the limited resources available, policy makers must depend on these problem solvers to address many complex social issues such as poverty, welfare dependence, and drug abuse.

The social work profession is truly multifaceted. As dedicated advocates for the rights

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of children, minorities, the disabled, crime victims, workers, patients, women and many others, social workers continue to lead efforts that enhance human, and thereby societal, well-being. They shape programs and policies that strengthen individual lives and improve the society in which we all live.

HONORING CORNELL SCOTT FOR
HIS LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and community leaders who have gathered to pay tribute to one of New Haven's most respected community leaders and one of my dear friends, Cornell Scott. His lifetime of dedication and compassion has made a real difference in the lives of thousands.

Chief Executive Officer of the Hill Health Center in New Haven, Scotty has been the driving force behind its success for the last thirty-four years. His tireless efforts have literally changed the face of healthcare in this community and across the nation. I have had the privilege of working with Scotty over the years and I am in awe of his endless energy. He is an inspiration to so many and I consider myself fortunate to call him my friend.

Established in 1968, the Hill Health Center is a private, non-profit community health center—the first of its kind in the State of Connecticut—which provides some of our most vulnerable citizens with the medical, dental, and behavioral health services. Too often, those children, families, and individuals most in need do not have access to critical healthcare programs and services. Now operating in eighteen locations throughout Greater New Haven, Hill Health Center has become an irreplaceable asset to our community. Scotty's leadership, vision, and enduring tenacity has been the backbone of the Hill Health Center—and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude.

In addition to his professional career, Scotty has also played an integral role in many local service organizations—helping to shape our community and improve the quality of life for all New Haven residents. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, the New Haven Housing Authority, the Connecticut Association for Human Services are just a few of the area agencies which have benefitted from his time and energies.

I am proud to stand today to join the many who have gathered today to pay tribute to my good friend, Cornell Scott, for his lifetime of invaluable contributions. He has left an indelible mark on this community and a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING PATUXENT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patuxent High School in Calvert County, Maryland for its ranking among the Nation's top 700 most demanding public schools as reported by Newsweek. I would like to commend Patuxent High School on incorporating a curriculum that challenges and advances the abilities of all students who attend this public school.

The Challenge Index rated each school by analyzing the number of advanced placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by students in the high school and the number graduating from that school in a given year. Those schools that received a rating of 1.0, which meant that the number of students graduating was less than the number of tests given, were considered above average and included in the index. Based on this ratings scale, Patuxent High School achieved the ranking of 697th of schools across the Nation who met this 1.0 rating.

The Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB), a European based program, are courses students can take which have a challenging curriculum and prepare the students for their endeavors at the collegiate level. In addition, these exams allow the individual students to earn college credits depending on what score they receive on the exam.

In 2003 the Patuxent High School student body numbered 1775 students with a senior class of 371. It offers fifteen AP courses as well as numerous honors courses that challenge their students. This year twenty-seven percent of the graduating class will attend a four-year college or university with forty percent attending a two-year college. In 2001, Patuxent High School was honored for receiving the top average SAT scores in Calvert County.

Principal Robert F. Dredger along with the four Vice Principals: Nancy Highsmith, Steve King, Christian Hodge, and Robert Lawrence, have established an environment that motivates and challenges each and every student. Without the hard work of the administration, staff, and students this honor could not have been obtained.

Mr. Speaker, Patuxent High School has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to its entire student body by offering numerous courses that provoke the minds of each and every student. I would like to congratulate Patuxent High School on achieving such an honor and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success in the future.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO
SPANGLER DUM DUM POPS® ON
OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to

an outstanding Ohio corporation, Spangler Candy Company, and the 50th anniversary celebration of the Spangler Dum Dum Pop. Considered the largest selling penny pop in the Midwest, the Dum Dum Pop came to Bryan, Ohio in the spring of 1953, when Spangler purchased the machinery, equipment and trade name from the Akron Candy Company of Bellevue, Ohio. By 1956, the Dum Dum Pop was a nationally acclaimed candy.

Mr. Speaker, on June 4, 1953, Bryan celebrated the acquisition of the Dum Dum Pop with a declared "Dum Dum Day." On this special occasion, thousands of free lollipops were distributed to children and families gathered on the front lawn of the Spangler plant.

In August 1957, Spangler announced its "largest production day ever" of 1,545,750 Dum Dum Pops. In 1959, Spangler introduced a new program, encouraging children to save their Dum Dum wrappers and send them in with money for prizes. Today, the "save wraps" continues to function in a modified version.

By 1979, Spangler was producing 2.8 million Dum Dum Pops on a daily basis. By 1989, Dum Dums were the third largest selling lollipop in the country.

During the summer of 2001, a warehouse in Archbold, Ohio burned to the ground, costing Spangler more than 110,000 cases of Dum Dum Pops ready for shipment. In the months following the devastating fire, Spangler employees worked long hours to replace the loss, producing approximately 10 million Dum Dum Pops a day. After the Archbold fire, Spangler workers proved their dedication to the industry of Dum Dum Pops in their efforts to compensate for the lost products. Demonstrating pride and civic duty, factory workers and distributors proved their allegiance to Spangler and Dum Dum Pop consumers.

Today, Spangler generates about 8 million Dum Dum Pops each day, distributing cases of lollipops world-wide. Available in a variety of packaging sizes, ranging from 7 ounces to bulk cases of more than 2,000-count, consumers can purchase Dum Dums in food, drug, and mass market retail stores, as well as on the Spangler Candy Co. website.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Spangler Candy Co. In producing Dum Dum Pops®, the Spangler Candy Co. has provided jobs and a positive work environment not only for the Bryan community, but for members of communities nationwide. We wish Spangler Candy Co. all the best as we acknowledge one of our State's finest companies and all of their accomplishments.

HONORING MR. WALLACE E.
EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker it is with great pride and honor that I congratulate Mr. Wallace E. Evans on his contribution to the residents of Northwest Indiana. Wallace will be retiring on July 1, 2003 as Local 881 United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union's Executive Vice President. There will be a celebration dedicated to honoring his achievements on Friday, June 27 in Oak Brook, Illinois.

After 13 years of working as a Frozen Foods manager at Burger Supermarkets in Munster, Indiana, he was hired on full-time as the Organizer and Business Representative for Local 1460 of the Retail Clerks Union of Lake County. In 1980, Wallace became the President of Local 1460, and the first contract he negotiated as President increased the membership wage by \$2.10 over the three-year contract. During his tenure, he dedicated himself to improving the working and financial conditions of the membership. After his time served as President, he became the Secretary-Treasurer of Local 1550 of UFCW, from 1986–1989.

After the merger of Local 1550 and Local 881 of UFCW in 1989, Wallace served as a Collective Bargaining Negotiator until he was named Director of Collective Bargaining in 1994. In 1996, he was named Executive Vice President and Director of Collective Bargaining.

Not only has Wallace had many positive accomplishments in his career with the union, he has also actively contributed to his community through many service organizations. He has served as the Union Trustee for the UFCW Union and Employers Calumet Region Insurance Fund since 1974, as well as holding the office of Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Highland, Indiana. He has also been a community leader through his role as Vice President of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL–CIO (Retail Wholesale Sector). Although Wallace has dedicated his life to his career and his community, he has never neglected to provide support and love for his family. Wallace and his wife, Sheila, have been married for 36 years, and have two sons, Steven and Jason.

Mr. Speaker, Wallace Evans has been an active force in his union, as well as a positive leader for the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement. His service to his career and devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District deserves the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

IN HONOR OF EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING, LINDA MILLER—
TEACHER

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda Miller, an inspirational and loving teacher in San Antonio, TX at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Today Linda Miller, who dedicates her life to the success and education of her students, is honored with Time Warner Cable's National Teachers Awards Division Crystal Apple Award.

Each year Time Warner Cable honors 20 classroom projects, and the teachers who develop them, with the Crystal Apple Award. This award recognizes outstanding teachers who create learning experiences using cable technology. Ms. Miller's project embraced Japanese animation's historical and cultural heritage as well as technology's impact on its popularity.

Linda Miller has a record of achievement reflecting her passion for teaching. She has received the Teacher of the Year award presented to her by the American Legion, as well as being identified as an Outstanding Teacher by the Rotary Club. Linda Miller's immense dedication to her students speaks for itself as Roosevelt High School presented her with the Humanitarian award for identifying students with special needs and pairing them with the mainstream students, in a buddy system. According to one fellow teacher, she surprised many of her colleagues who did not even realize that special needs students even attended.

Time Warner Cable seeks ways to support the educators and institutions that help shape our Nation. By enabling the power of cable television's 21st century technology and high-quality programming to unite teachers, students and parents, both in the classroom and for the benefit of the community, Time Warner strives to enhance the level of education in the classroom. It is, however, remarkable teachers such as Linda Miller who make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinguished pleasure to honor Linda Miller because I recognize that it is the perseverance and dedication of teachers like her that will lead our youth to a bright future.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GEOFFREY CHENEY FERRIS AS HE IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today at the Headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery of the United States Army in Bamberg, Germany many have gathered to pay tribute to a true hero and a New Haven, Connecticut native, Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris. Today, the actions of Lieutenant Ferris will be memorialized with the dedication of the Headquarters in his honor. I am proud to stand today to join the members of the 33rd Field Artillery Regiment in paying tribute to Lieutenant Ferris, who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our nation during World War II.

On the morning of May 6, 1943, Lieutenant Ferris, an artillery observer, reported to Company E, 26th Infantry during an assault of a strongly held enemy position in Dj El Deba, Tunisia. As an artillery observer, Lieutenant Ferris' duties included securing observation posts from which artillery strikes on the enemy could be called. In the breaking light of the morning, Lieutenant Ferris determined it impossible for a suitable observation post to be secured in the area occupied by Company E, and—as described by his commanding officer and others—with extreme disregard for his own safety advanced alone in front of Company E to establish an observation post. Determined and unyielding, Lieutenant Ferris advanced over an area of several hundred yards beyond the closest of infantrymen and was just short of an excellent observation post when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire.

Lieutenant Ferris' heroic attempt to advance his fellow soldiers was recognized by our nation with the award of the Distinguished Serv-

ice Cross—the second highest award for valor and heroism in action which can be bestowed. Today, his former company, the “Golden Lions” of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery again pay tribute to Lieutenant Ferris' memory and selfless sacrifice with the dedication of their headquarters in his honor.

It is my honor and privilege to rise today to join the 33rd Field Artillery, Governor John Rowland of Connecticut, and all of those who have gathered to recognize Lieutenant Geoffrey Cheney Ferris—one of Connecticut's sons—for his unparalleled courage and distinguished service in the United States Army. I am proud to present this statement and a flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol to be displayed at the Battalion Headquarters. Lieutenant Ferris is a true American hero whose story and legacy of heroism is sure to inspire generations to come.

THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL, A
TOP AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Stone High School in Charles County Maryland, for its ranking among the nation's top 700 most demanding public schools as reported in Newsweek. I would like to commend Thomas Stone High School on incorporating a curriculum that challenges and advances the abilities of all students who attend this public school.

The 2003 Challenge Index rated each school by analyzing the number of advanced placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by students in the high school and the number of graduating seniors from that school in a given year. Those schools who received a rating of 1.0, which meant that the number of students graduating was less than the number of tests given, were considered above average and included in the index. Based on this ratings scale, Thomas Stone High School achieved the ranking of 364th in schools across the nation who met this 1.0 rating.

The Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB), a European based program, are courses students can take which have a more challenging curriculum and prepare the students for their endeavors at the collegiate level. In addition to this, these exams also allow the individual students to earn college credit depending on the score they receive on the exam.

Thomas Stone High School includes 1916 students with 392 of those graduating this year. Out of those 392 students graduating, the school expects 72 percent to attend a college or university. To aid students in continuing their education the school estimates that nearly 4.2 million dollars has been spent on scholarships. Students are allowed to participate in nineteen Advanced Placement courses, as well as scholar's courses and the JROTC. Thomas Stone High School has a student who sits on the State Board of Education as well as the County Board of Education. The school has Board Certified teachers and the Principal, Mr. Heath Morrison, was named the Maryland Association of Student Council's Principal of the Year. It is easy to

see how such remarkable students can thrive at Thomas Stone High School.

The faculty and staff, along with the students, are responsible for this honor. Principal Heath Morrison as well as the five Vice Principals: Janice Johnson, Ellen Linton, Curry Werkheiser, Wendell Martin, and Frazier Nelson all helped to encourage the students to strive for and achieve their goals.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Stone High School has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to its entire student body by offering numerous courses that provoke the minds of each and every student. I would like to congratulate Thomas Stone High School on achieving such an honor and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success in the future.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ALISA L. FELLHAUER ON HER
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Alisa L. Fellhauer of Port Clinton, OH, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Alisa's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy with the incoming cadet class of 2007. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Alisa brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Port Clinton High School, Port Clinton, OH, Alisa has attained a grade point average of 3.88, which places her thirteenth in her class of one hundred sixty one students. During her time at Port Clinton High School, Alisa has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, she received the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award. Her second year was marked by her being again awarded the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award as well as being inducted into the National Honor Society. Alisa went on in her senior year to maintain her role in the National Honor Society as well being selected for participation in a highly selective biology program.

Outside the classroom, Alisa has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Port Clinton. On the fields of friendly strife, Alisa has participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Softball. She is a three time Cross Country letter recipient and served as the Team Captain her senior year. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Alisa is an active member in her community participating in Key Club, Future Professionals in Medicine, National Honor Society, Relay for Life, and the Buckeye Girl's State.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Alisa L. Fellhauer. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Alisa will do very well during her career at Air Force and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING MR. JOHN WINGATE
GRIFFIN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement from the Federal Government after 32 years of dedicated service to this great country. His career exemplifies selfless public service at its best and is a model for existing and future Federal employees. He retired at the end of May 2003.

A fifth generation native Californian, Mr. Griffin was born on December 2, 1946. After graduating from high school in Ojai, California, he later continued his studies at Ventura College earning an Associate Degree in economics. He received his bachelor's degree of International Relations and Economics in June 1973 from California State University.

Mr. Griffin served his country honorably in the military for over 3 years with the United States Army. He continued his Federal career for an additional 28 plus years as an economist with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento and San Francisco, California. When he retired from the Corps, he was serving as Chief of Civil Works Program Development for the South Pacific Division where he had been employed since September 1986. In addition to leading a staff of economists and program analysts, Mr. Griffin presided over the largest Corps' Civil Works General Investigations program covering all or part of ten of the Nation's largest States and was a special advisor to the Division Commander. He provided regional oversight to four district program development activities located in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California and Albuquerque, New Mexico. His knowledge of the General Investigations program, coupled with his analytical capabilities, placed him in a class by himself as a program expert. He maintained a personable attitude that contributed to overcoming numerous challenges and made even the most difficult tasks doable. As he is fond of saying, "one can disagree without being disagreeable." His advice was always on the mark.

Mr. Griffin will retire to his hometown of Auburn, California where he and his beloved wife, Daniela, had been active in their community for well over 30 years. Individually or together, they touched the lives of many in the community by serving on the planning commission, teaching in the public schools, contributing to fine dining experiences in Auburn through operation of their elegant restaurant, enjoying ballroom dancing, or helping others with expert mechanical advice on automobiles. They were the perfect couple and we express our deepest sorrow at Mr. Griffin's loss of Daniela earlier this year. We wish him a healthy, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement as he concludes a successful Federal career. We thank him again for a job well done, and for his many contributions to the Corps, the Army, and the Nation.

IN MEMORIAM OF MALDEF
FOUNDER PETE TIJERINA

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago Pete Tijerina, a bold and idealistic lawyer from, Laredo, Texas, started down a path that eventually led millions of Hispanics in this country towards access to educational and democratic opportunities and recognition in the eyes of the law. Today, it is with great sadness and a profound sense of gratitude that I rise to recognize the life of Pete Tijerina, who died on May 14, 2003. His legacy is our future.

As a graduate of St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Tijerina dedicated his career to fighting discrimination. His first efforts came as the State Civil Rights Chairman for San Antonio's LULAC Council, an organization he joined in 1946. While with the organization, he sought political solutions at the local level through interaction with school boards, city councils, and police departments. Hungry for change, Mr. Tijerina grew frustrated with the pace and progress of his efforts. He continued, however, to work diligently through the channels available to him until he could take no more.

In 1966, Mr. Tijerina took a bold step. At the time, he was representing an injured woman who lost half of her leg in an accident in Jourdan, Texas. Mr. Tijerina prepared his client and his case for trial. As trial drew near, it became clear that the court would not empanel a single Hispanic juror. He brought the matter to the attention of the local judge and was promised a more diverse jury pool.

When the trial reconvened at the end of that summer, the court produced two Hispanic jurors: one had been dead for 10 years and the other spoke no Spanish.

This experience led Mr. Tijerina on a crusade to end juror discrimination and secure the equal protection of the law for the Hispanic community. Armed with determination and faith in the American judicial system, Mr. Tijerina placed his own financial well being on the line and attempted to secure funds to protect the rights of Hispanics in the Southwestern United States.

After sending a young colleague to an NAACP convention to learn more about current legal tactics used to combat discrimination, Mr. Tijerina decided that what the Hispanic community needed was its own lawyers fighting its own cases. Because the community varied so much, nationwide, he believed that recruiting young Hispanics, who understood the unique challenges present in their neighborhoods, into the legal profession was crucial to ending discrimination once and for all. Mr. Tijerina worked closely with the NAACP to develop a strategy and find financial support.

His efforts produced the seeds of what would become the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), the first national Hispanic legal advocacy program, which Mr. Tijerina founded in 1968. Over the past 35 years, MALDEF has grown and to this day leads us on the path towards legal equality for Hispanics in areas like education, employment, and political access.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of pioneers like Mr. Tijerina and his vision for a brighter future for all Hispanics that many of us have had the opportunity we enjoy. He helped clear the way for generations of Hispanics, so that they would not feel the burden of oppression or fear to speak out against injustice. He sought change through our judicial system, using our courts as agents of justice.

It is with our heads bowed and grief in our hearts that we say thank you to this pioneer. We can only hope to continue along the path he began.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 276, 277, and 278.

FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Chairman, it is important that in determining the EAS eligibility for a small airport the Secretary define a consistent standard for identifying the commonly used route.

It is my hope that the Secretary would use the most reliable mapping capability to determine this route, such as the Rand McNally mapping system.

Further, to ensure that small airports receive a fair shake in the EAS eligibility process, my amendment requires that the Secretary consult with the Governor of the State or the Governor's designee.

In appointing a designee if the Governor so chooses, the Governor should consider designating a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to submit a plan for the most commonly used route. An MPO knows the routes that people take from one point to another in a particular region.

My amendment was drafted to ensure that, while the Secretary of Transportation has discretion, the local community should not be shut out of the process.

COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE AT SHEPHERD AIRFIELD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 80 years of aviation service at Shepherd Airfield in Martinsburg, WV by the Berkeley County Airport Authority and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1071.

On June 17, 1923, Captain St. Clair Streett, accompanied by flight mechanic Sergeant Roy Hooe, landed their U.S. Army D.H. 4 at Shepherd Field in Martinsburg, WV. This event was the result of many years of dedicated effort by aviation enthusiasts in Berkeley County to bring Shepherd Field into the mainstream of modern aviation. This historic landing 80 years ago today spurred many important developments at Shepherd Field, including the establishment of the 167th Air National Guard Unit and the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport. With a major expansion planned for the 167th and the construction of a new commercial terminal at the Regional Airport, the airport in Berkeley County will continue its role in protecting our national security while also improving economic opportunity for all of West Virginia.

In honor of 80 years of aviation service at Shepherd Airfield, I ask my friends in West Virginia and my colleagues here in Congress to join me in recognizing June 17, 2003 as a day to celebrate the history of aviation in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 16, 2003, I missed rollcall votes 276–278. Had I been present on this date, I would have voted "aye" on all rollcall Nos. 276, 277, 278. On this date, my flight coming back to Washington, DC, was canceled due to inclement weather and I was not able to get back to town in time for these votes.

HONORING THE VIETNAM VETERANS GATHERING

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mrs. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vietnam Veterans Gathering. They have developed rich friendships and camaraderie between themselves that years and distance cannot weaken.

On Saturday, June 14, I was honored to attend the 6th Annual Vietnam Veterans Gathering at South Levy Recreation Park. This park has a rich history. After fighting in the jungles of Vietnam, veterans gathered at this

scenic location to share their stories, to heal old wounds, and to enjoy the company of others who knew what it meant to be a soldier.

As part of this commemorative event, The Moving Wall, a tribute to the more than 58,000 Americans that gave their lives during the war, was on display.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Vietnam Veterans Gathering for the great service they have given to our Nation. I recognize the sacrifices that they have made. These men are truly great Americans, and I am proud to call them my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2003, I was unable to vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act (H.R. 1308). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" (rollcall 275).

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the school administrators, teachers, and students at Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, FL, for their outstanding achievement in providing, guiding, and demonstrating a quality education.

Stanton College Preparatory School was recently highlighted by Newsweek magazine (The Best 100 High Schools in America, May 26, 2003), as the second best school in the nation, as measured by the Challenge Index. This index takes the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by all of the students at a school in 2002 and divides them by the number of graduating seniors.

The editors of Newsweek said they used participation in the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests as benchmarks because "these tests are more likely to stretch young minds—which should be the fundamental purpose of education."

Stanton College Preparatory School is clearly providing the curricula, support, and leadership in learning that is so very important to our young people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in applauding Stanton College Preparatory School and all of those schools that strive to prepare their students for higher education and thusly, a higher quality of life. Moreover, I would like to commend the school administrators, superintendents, teachers, and all of the students who have committed themselves to a quality education. As John F. Kennedy once stated, leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

It is my privilege to recognize Stanton College Preparatory School for its outstanding achievements.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH GALANTER

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend, Ruth Galanter, on the occasion of her retirement from the Los Angeles City Council. Ruth is an amazing, passionate and intelligent person who has accomplished so much in her political career without ever compromising her impeccable integrity or diminishing her idealism. I have had the pleasure of working with her since the 1970's when she was a prominent environmental activist and later as a member of the California Coastal Commission. I not only respect her professionally, but I value her friendship and advice.

Elected in 1987 to the Los Angeles Sixth City Council District, Ruth has spent the last 15 years shaping and improving the city of Los Angeles. Ruth was President Pro Tem for 4 years and became president of the council in 2001. She is admired and well-respected by her friends, colleagues and associates. In addition to her legendary success in solving constituent problems and her well-known legislative prowess, Ruth has made a name for herself protecting the environment. She spearheaded the city's recycling program, authored the city's major water conservation programs and led the effort to fluoridate the city's water supply. She also directed the city's conservation efforts to ensure an adequate safe water supply for the next century.

Early in her tenure, Ruth created a network of Community Planning Advisory Committees which assisted her in significant land use decisions throughout the city. Also, as chair of the Council's Committee on Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources, she worked to negotiate the challenges posed by electricity deregulation and the current energy crisis facing the State. And, as the city council's expert on aviation and airport issues, Ruth's futurist vision has improved the quality of life for all who live in southern California. She knows that the decisions made today regarding airport capacity and other transportation services directly impact our quality of life today and in the future.

Born in New York City, Ruth received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Yale. Los Angeles has been blessed to have her at the helm, and I am proud to call her my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Ruth Galanter for all she has done and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF PUERTO RICO KARST CONSERVATION ACT OF 2003

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Puerto Rico Karst Conservation Act of 2003. This bipartisan legislation is a common sense legislative approach that will protect a vital ecosystem in Puerto Rico, the Karst Region. The region is comprised of a unique geological and hydrological system of limestone caves, sinkholes and underground rivers, collectively known as karst, and is widely valued to the livelihood of Puerto Rico.

The Karst Region of Puerto Rico, located along the North and Northwest coasts of the Island, has many outstanding features. This region is home to the largest remaining tropical rainforests in Puerto Rico, and has a greater density of tree species than anywhere else on the Island. These forests provide habitat to a wide array of plants and animals, too many of which are endangered or threatened. In fact, the Karst Region has been identified as a secondary habitat for the restoration of the Puerto Rican parrot, a bird that is among the ten most endangered birds in the world, and the existence of which has plummeted to only 24 birds in the wild.

In addition to the extraordinary flora and fauna of the Karst Region, the water and watersheds are the most unique feature of the Karst Region. While rivers and streams are widespread throughout Puerto Rico, the vast majority of the water in the Karst Region flows underground. Where this water flows out of the ground, from springs and along the coast, it provides fresh water to nearly one-quarter of the Puerto Rico population. In addition, specific manufacturing and industrial sectors, such as the pharmaceutical industry, rely on the Karst Region's supply of clean water for their business. Without a doubt, the Karst Region sustains a large percentage of wildlife, human life, and the economy of Puerto Rico.

Yet Puerto Rico has among the highest population densities of any jurisdiction in the United States. Large, undeveloped tracts of land are becoming increasingly less common on the Island. However, the Karst Region has remained rural in nature, and has not been beset by the development and growth of the rest of Puerto Rico. The hills and unique geology of the Karst Region have forestalled similar population growth. Unfortunately, threats to the Karst Region are growing. Continued population growth will create increasing pressure on the conservation of this important region. Development of roads, resorts and other infrastructure in the region would fragment wildlife habitat, reduce water quality, and would reduce the preserved nature of the Karst Region for the rest of time.

But the Puerto Rico Karst Conservation Act will help conserve the lands and waters of the Karst Region, and stave off the threats of development. This bill, I believe, is an ideal piece of preservation policy. It places the responsibility of conservation and management not with any single entity, but requires that lands in the Karst Region be acquired and managed in a cooperative fashion.

Using funds collected in a fund established on the books of the U.S. Treasury, the Karst

Fund, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will distribute grants to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, conservation organizations and others for the purpose of acquiring and managing lands for conservation in the Karst Region. Acquired lands, purchased only from willing sellers, may only be managed for conservation, and the bill includes provisions that will protect those lands from development. Resources in the Karst Fund are derived from the existing programs of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Forest Legacy Program, from receipts generated from the Caribbean National Forest and GSA sale of property in Puerto Rico, from donations, direct appropriations, and from interest derived in the Fund. While the U.S. Forest Service is authorized to acquire lands, authority that in fact exists in current law, the agency focus will be on technical assistance and management guidance rather than actual land acquisition.

It is my belief that this bill is the most appropriate manner of approaching the conservation needs of the Karst. The Federal Government can bring important resources and experience to the table, yet the land will be primarily acquired and managed by local entities, who are best able to relate to, understand, and advocate for the conservation of the lands of the Karst Region.

I am proud and honored by the support that this bill has gained from my colleagues. Congressman JIMMY DUNCAN of Tennessee has joined me, along with six of my distinguished Democratic colleagues, to introduce this bill in the House, and I greatly appreciate their support. In addition, Senator TOM HARKIN and Senator RICHARD LUGAR, recognizing the vital importance of protecting the Karst Region, have introduced companion legislation in Senate. Their support is essential to the eventual success of this bill, and I appreciate their leadership on this issue.

Protecting the Karst Region of Puerto Rico is a large and important task. However, this legislation that I have introduced today will enable resources to be brought to the protection and conservation of the lands and water of the Karst Region. As many regions in the United States are now suffering due to a lack of water resources, affording this protection to the Karst Region will help ensure water quality and availability into the future. The cooperative nature of this conservation effort will, in my mind, enable it to succeed, and through this unique partnership, the magnificent and unique Karst Region will be preserved for this, and future generations of Puerto Rico.

COMMENDING MEDGAR WILEY EVERS AND MYRLIE EVERS-WIL- LIAMS FOR THEIR LIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Medgar Wiley Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams. These two great Americans fought tirelessly for equality and justice. It is because of efforts such as theirs that I can stand before you today as the first African-American woman to serve in Congress from the State of Ohio.

They knew the importance of voting and worked to mobilize African-Americans so that they would have the opportunity to exercise this right that so many had fought for. They organized civil rights rallies and boycotts of local businesses and schools to advocate for the underserved and under represented in this country.

Though murdered in 1963, Medgar Evers' legacy lives on through his children and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, who went on to establish the Women's Political Caucus and become the first woman chair of the NAACP Board of Directors.

It is because of these reasons that I am so honored to stand here today in support of this resolution commending Medger Wiley Evers & Myrlie Evers-Williams. It is on their shoulders that I stand.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote Nos. 276, 277 and 278 on the evening of June 16, 2003. I was traveling in between my District (TX-08) and Washington. My flight was delayed almost 2 hours, causing me to miss the aforementioned votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three bills: H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building", H. Con. Res. 220, commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, for their lives and accomplishments, and S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I regret that a family matter yesterday forced me to miss rollcall votes 276, 277, and 278. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 276-278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen weather conditions, my flight back to Washington, DC, was unavoidably delayed and I was therefore not able to make it in time for rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted: No. 276—"yes"; No. 277—"yes"; and No. 278—"yes."

A TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE "JAY" BLACKSHAW

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. I rise today to honor a truly outstanding member of the 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Jeanette "Jay" Blackshaw. For 22 years, Mrs. Blackshaw has dedicated herself to serving the people of the City of Pasadena.

Originally from Chicago, IL, Jay moved to Pasadena, CA in 1968. She and her husband, Bill Blackshaw, have seven children, Julie, Mary Grace, John, Gina, Annie, Peter, Amy, and nine grandchildren.

In 1981, Jay began her service to the City of Pasadena as the District 4 Field Representative for Pasadena Mayor Jess Houston. After Mayor Houston's term ended, she continued as field representative for his successor, Mayor Bill Paparian. Jay currently works for City Councilmember Steve Haderlein. During Jay's tenure with the City of Pasadena, she has assisted in the construction of bike paths throughout Pasadena, the renovation of the Pasadena Senior Center, and the construction of Pasadena's U.S. Marine Reserve Center.

Jay's passion for community volunteerism, especially on behalf of children and education, is evident in the many organizations she has been involved in over the years. As a young mother, she was active in Pasadena's public schools, participating in several Parent Teacher Associations, including serving as PTA Council President. Currently, Jay is a board member of the Pasadena Educational Foundation and Pasadena City College's Community Board.

Some of the other organizations Mrs. Blackshaw participates in are the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee, the Sierra Madre Villa Neighborhood Association, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), and the Huntington Hospital Community Board. Mrs. Blackshaw is also active in her church, All Saints Episcopal Church, as well as in various political organizations. In 1995, she was honored as a YWCA Woman of Excellence for her steadfast commitment to eradicating racism and improving the lives of the women and children of Pasadena.

Jay will be retiring from her position as Field Representative to Councilmember Haderlein in June of 2003. Although she will be greatly missed by her colleagues at the City of Pasadena, she will continue to be active in the community.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jeanette "Jay" Blackshaw. The entire community joins me in thanking Jay Blackshaw for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

A TRIBUTE TO AL DAVIS

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, this body lost someone very important when we lost Al

Davis. We lost a man who helped fix the course of the House Ways and Means Democrats. We lost a man of ideas and a man of data, a combination that is too uncommon. Al was a man of endless information, which the Committee Democrats used to tack and jibe through the political storms that erupt so often in the Ways and Means Committee.

Al Davis passed away after 56 years of life. I didn't know him well outside of his briefings, his memos, and his witty analysis but I don't think that anyone had to be particularly close to Al to know how much he cared for those who have the least among us. I now know that he loved to go sailing.

Members of Congress are often generalists. Our knowledge is usually a mile wide but only an inch deep. I frequently could not fathom the amount of memory and facts that Al retained. When it came to taxes and our economy, Al Davis increased the depth of my understanding about the issues and how changing public policies would affect working class Americans.

Things move fast in the House and in the Committee on Ways and Means. Members often find themselves confronted with complex and multifarious issues, which can be quite challenging. Al was just the type of person that our committee needed. He liked to linger down in his "engine room" to make certain that the ship and its crew had all it required. Al was a harbor in a tempest. I could go to Al, and he could, within a few sentences, quickly and easily break down a complex issue for me.

Some say that statistics lie and liars use statistics. Al would say that it doesn't have to be that way. Whether it came from the Bush Administration, or elsewhere, Al was not a fan of distorting data for political gain.

Recently during President Bush's campaign to sell another tax cut, the President said that his plan would on average cut everyone's yearly taxes by \$1,083. As soon as President Bush said that, Al quickly rattled off a memo to me correcting the misleading data that was being used by the President. In the memo, Al said that when Bush refers to the "average" tax cut in his proposal, it "is like saying that every farmer in the nineteenth century got the average of a mule, if a few farmers were given a team of draft horses and most farmers got a small dog, instead."

I will miss Al Davis. I will miss his talent, his wisdom, and his humor. But I think that most of all, I will miss the trust that Al invested in Ways and Means Democrats. Al trusted that we would use our best effort to honestly employ the information he gave us to improve the well-being of the average American. We'll sail on without Al. But I feel that, at least for a while, our ship is heading into the wind, and against the tide, because we are without our navigator.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF JORDAN FERRELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, as the battle for freedom rages across the globe, the United States has stepped forward to defend the

world against tyranny and aggression. This includes sending forth brave men and women to protect the sovereignty that we hold dear. One of these brave souls has been wounded in battle, and his courageous actions and determination deserve the admiration of this body of Congress and of this nation.

Jordan Ferrell, a 19-year-old soldier from Moffat County, Colorado was wounded in the service of his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne, Jordan was wounded by shrapnel when a grenade exploded on the roof of his Jeep. After being injured, Jordan wanted nothing more than to return to active duty, so he began the long road to recovery. I am proud to say that through hard work and determination, Jordan has resumed active duty, and is once again protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

Upon completion of his military service, Jordan wants to pursue a career in computers. His mother hopes he might consider creative writing. Regardless of the profession he chooses, if Jordan displays the same determination and drive, I know he will achieve much success in his life.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice and heroism of this soldier and his family. Jordan has served his country well, and it is soldiers like him who make the United States military the best in the world. Jordan has done all Americans proud and I know he has the respect, admiration, and gratitude of all of my colleagues here today. Thank you, Jordan, for your honorable and admirable service to this nation.

TRIBUTE TO JULIANA BELLINGER OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI, EXCEP- TIONAL TEACHER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests partly in the hands of our teachers. Today I would like to recognize a teacher from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. Juliana Bellinger teaches Theatre Arts and Literature at Forest Hills Northern and Central High Schools. She is credited for building ensembles and unity within classrooms and within casts. She is one of the most loved teachers on staff as evidenced by senior classes choosing her as their main speaker at Baccalaureate. Student enrollment in her classes increased every year in every school where she taught, further evidence of her skill and knowledge of her subjects.

Her commitment to professionalism is well-known by students and faculty alike. She is described as loving, committed, dynamic, exceptional, inspiring, insightful, and extraordinary. One colleague writes, "To watch her present and teach is truly a wonderful experience." In over twenty years of teaching she has directed numerous plays, coached young actors, and educated others on new technologies for the drama classroom. As a well-respected educator she has been invited to

teach teachers at seminars and conferences on techniques and skills to increase student interest and performance in literature.

Mrs. Bellinger's excellence in teaching both challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Juliana Bellinger's impact on her students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mrs. Juliana Bellinger as a master teacher. We thank her for her continuing dedication to teaching and her willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1308. TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICA- TION, AND EQUITY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker. I cannot say that I'm surprised by the actions of the Majority today. I cannot say that I'm surprised that instead of voting on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit legislation, we're voting on something else. I cannot say that I'm surprised that once again, the GOP leadership is cynically manipulating the process to ensure that we pass even more tax cuts that will drive up the federal deficit and continue to expand our national debt. Once again, they're playing politics when what we need is tax relief for working families.

Let's review what we're talking about here. First, the President tried to convince us that the tax bill would help every working American. Sadly, though, the House Leadership gutted one of the few provisions that helped those most in need—the refundable Child Tax Credit—from the previous tax package at the last minute. Yes, in a bill that was supposed to be an effort to stimulate the economy, we didn't do anything for those taxpayers most likely to spend the money. Amazingly, workers who earn between \$10,500 and \$26,625 were left behind in a backroom deal. I cannot think of anyone who is more likely to spend that money than these working families struggling to make ends meet. What this sneaky deal means to New Mexico is that nearly 90,000 families and 157,000 children aren't going to benefit under current law. The Republican plan also left behind many in our military, who would have benefited from this break.

Once the secret was out, though, the outcry from across the country was clear. Nearly everyone realized how bad a deal this really was, and nearly everyone knew a quick fix was needed. However, it seems like the House Leadership are the only ones in the country who don't get it. The Senate voted nearly unanimously to pass a simple clean bill to give this benefit to the most needy. And, most importantly, the Senate bill won't increase the national debt by one penny. It's to-

tally paid for. Even President Bush realizes how unfair this situation is, and has called on the House to pass a clean bill and let him sign it.

Not surprisingly, though, the House Leadership insists on passing a bill that cannot make it through the other chamber. The saddest part of this entire charade is that this bill—just like all the tax cuts this House has passed—will actually hurt American children much more than it helps them. In the long run, this \$82 billion tax-cut plan will further saddle our children and grandchildren with even more debt. So, we're giving them a small check now, but it pales in comparison to the huge bill they're going to see later in life. It's not only unfair; it's irresponsible.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill. I urge my colleagues to demand that we vote on the Senate-passed bill immediately. We shouldn't delay another minute. It's too important to play these cynical political games.

RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN PIFER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen Pifer of Edwardsville, Illinois for winning the Triple Crown in Illinois high school long distance track.

Last November, Stephen won the Class AA cross-country championship for the State of Illinois. Then, at the 109th annual Illinois High School Association track and field State finals held in May, Stephen won the Class AA 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs to secure the Triple Crown. Winds gusting up to 30 miles per hour made stable running tricky for all competitors at the State finals, but Stephen's determination and spirit kept him head and shoulders above the rest of the field at Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium that night.

Just five other runners in State history have won the Triple Crown. Stephen joins names like Craig Virgin, David Merrick, Tom Graves, John Jacobsen, and Donald Sage; each Illinois track stars in their own right. Stephen's uncle and Edwardsville assistant coach Tim Flamer praised his nephew saying, "It's admirable for Stephen to come through time and time again. He's now among the legends of State track. He carved that out today." Three-time Olympian and two-time World Cross Country champion Craig Virgin calls Stephen the best runner to come out of Illinois since him, and not many disagree.

The mayor of Edwardsville has given Stephen the key to the city, but that will definitely not be the last of the awards he receives. Stephen has represented Southern Illinois well in his years at Edwardsville High School, but his time there is over as he graduated last May. He plans to move on to the University of Colorado, where he will undoubtedly continue performing well in competition. Stephen's future looks incredibly bright, and I wish him the best in all he does.

COMMENDING MEDGAR WILEY
EVERS AND MYRLIE EVERS-WIL-
LIAMS FOR THEIR LIVES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to applaud Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON (D-MS) for introducing H. Con. Res. 220, a resolution to honor Medgar Evers and his wife Myrlie Evers-Williams for their accomplishments in fighting for equality in civil rights for African-Americans.

While many history books rightfully acknowledge the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks as central leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Evers was also an initial pioneer in the fight for racial justice.

Born July 2, 1925 near Decatur, Mississippi, Evers received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. In response to the 1954 landmark Supreme Court case, Brown, which declared segregation in educational institutions unconstitutional, Evers applied for admission to the formerly segregated University of Mississippi Law School. Despite the ruling, and despite being qualified, he was denied admission. Upon this denial, Evers began working for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as the Mississippi Field Secretary in order to effect change. This position included registering people to vote in Mississippi, organizing students at nearby colleges, coordinating and leading protest marches, and challenging bus segregation. Despite his professional successes with the NAACP, Evers was never able to pursue an advanced degree before his death.

Like many other civil rights activists of the time, brutality was often brought upon Evers. In fact, he was arrested, beaten, and jailed for his unswerving efforts to combat prejudice and discrimination. Tragically, on June 12, 1963, Evers was violently shot and killed in front of his home. Since his death, his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams continues to speak out against discrimination and injustice. In 1995, Myrlie Evers-Williams was elected as the first woman chair of the NAACP.

So, Mr. Speaker it is only fitting that we gather to remember Medgar Evers for his contribution as a remarkable civil rights leader and for making the ultimate sacrifice in fighting for civil rights—his life.

This resolution speaks volumes about the state of civil rights in this nation forty years after Evers' assassination. I support this resolution wholeheartedly and urge all of my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 220.

HONORING WESLEY UHLAND

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress today to honor a man who has been wounded on the field of battle while in the service of his nation. Wesley Uhlund, a 26-year-old Army Specialist, is a

mechanic who received a bullet to the abdomen after an ambush by Iraqi soldiers. However, doctors have assured Wesley and his family that he will make a full recovery. As he recuperates, I would like to recognize his admirable service before this Congress and this nation today.

Wesley graduated from Canon City High School in 1994 and joined the Army in 2000. He was stationed out of Fort Carson and was deployed in Operation Iraqi freedom on April 11, 2003. As a mechanic, Wesley is responsible for the care and maintenance of tanks, Humvees, and Bradley Fighting Vehicles. During the ambush in which he was shot, four of Wesley's companions were also wounded, though all were lucky enough to survive the incident. Wesley is recuperating in an Iraqi hospital and is to be transferred to Germany before traveling home to Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express the gratitude and respect I feel for Wesley Uhlund. Each generation must renew its commitment to defend our liberties. Today in Iraq, a new generation of young Americans is fighting bravely for the freedom of others. I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like Wesley Uhlund. This Congress and all Americans should feel proud that we have soldiers like Wesley Uhlund defending our great Nation. Thank you, Wesley, for putting your life on the line to honorably serve our country.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS IAVELLI OF
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, EX-
CEPTIONAL TEACHER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, Education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests partly in the hands of our teachers. Today I would like to recognize a teacher from Battle Creek, Michigan that most influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership that were winners of the LeGrand Smith scholarship.

Miss Chris Iavelli teaches English at Harper Creek High School in Battle Creek, Michigan. She is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for the subject and for life itself. In one student's own words, "Miss Iavelli has taught me to seek the deeper meaning in all things and has encouraged me to always follow my dreams." The respect and gratitude of her students speaks well of Miss Iavelli's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Chris Iavelli's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Chris Iavelli's impact on her students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our

highest praise to Miss Chris Iavelli as a master teacher. We thank her for her continuing dedication to teaching and her willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT OF
2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 1115) to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, and for other purposes.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 1115, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2003. This bill is the third piece of legislation in a succession of tort reform vehicles offered by the majority this Congress. In offering H.R. 1115 today, the majority again seeks to manipulate our judicial system for the benefit of corporate America.

The Administration also strongly supports this bill. Yet, while both the Administration and the majority espouse the virtues of federalism and states' rights, this bill would severely limit, if not automatically remove, state court jurisdiction in the majority of class action cases. The anticipated result of this reduction caused Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, long-time a devout Federalist, and the Judicial Conference of the United States, to openly denounce this bill because it would increase the caseload of the already overcrowded federal courts. And, because federal courts must expedite criminal matters over civil matters, this bill would make a plaintiff's remedy more costly due to the increased amount of time their case is kept pending on the federal docket.

Furthermore, besides giving jurisdiction over most class action lawsuits to federal district courts, this bill would also be applied retroactively so that pending cases would be subjected to its provisions. This would effectively include cases pending against Enron Corp., Worldcom Inc., and Tyco International Ltd. At a time of heightened concern over corporate wrongdoing, now is not the time for Congress to make it more difficult for injured consumers to bring class-action lawsuits.

Considering the above, this legislation further illuminates the majority's willingness to erode an individual's protections from corporate wrongdoing through the manipulation of our judiciary systems. As a result, I oppose passage of this bill and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

A SALUTE TO THE BONSAALL
FAMILY REUNION

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are an important part of our personal histories. On June 21 and 22, 2003, the Bonsall Family Reunion will be held at Stagecoach Farm in Cheyney, Pennsylvania in the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. This will be the 320th anniversary of Richard, Mary and Obadiah Bonsall sailing out of Liverpool, England to America, arriving on the *Duke of Yorke* in the spring of 1683. I am proud to salute the Bonsall family on this important occasion.

Their story begins when Richard Bonsall and his wife, Mary (nee Wood) and their five young daughters ages 1 to 6 boarded a sailing vessel in Liverpool and endured a six to ten week voyage across the Atlantic Ocean with great hardships and danger. They arrived in Chester, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1683. Richard had received a Land Grant from William Penn in the area east of Chester Creek in what is now part of Lansdowne and part of Darby, Pennsylvania. Mary's parents had arrived in 1682 and had landed next to Richard's family. Richard built a dam on Chester Creek and established a Grain and Saw Mill. Richard and Mary added three sons and another daughter to the family. Richard and their other Quaker neighbors established the Darby Friends Meeting in 1699. Their children produced sixty-one (61) grandchildren and so started a very large family, many of whom served in every war that the United States was involved in from the Revolution to the recent conflict in Iraq.

Reuben Fayette Bonsall, a seventh generation descendant of Richard was born and raised just outside of Media, Pennsylvania in what is now Elwyn and had a large family of fourteen (14) children. In 1934 the descendants of Reuben held their first Reunion in honor of their parents. The tradition has continued each year since 1934 and is now held at Peggy Bonsall's home called Stagecoach Farm on Tanguy Road in Cheyney, Pennsylvania on the Sunday following Father's Day. In 1983 a worldwide reunion was held at Rose Tree Park and it was attended by nearly 1,000 descendants and family. There were genealogy displays, skits depicting some outstanding Bonsall's, Amos (explorer, soldier), Joseph (librarian, third library in America), Philip (last U.S. Ambassador to Cuba), bus tours to the ancestral homes (many are still being occupied), games for all ages and a dinner at Springton School.

After the reunion a committee was formed to establish a plan to keep the family aware of their heritage and contributions to America. It was decided to continue the regional yearly reunion and plan a U.S.A. reunion every ten years. The first ten year reunion was held in 1993, celebrating 310 years since Richard came to America and now we are celebrating the second ten-year Reunion on June 21 and 22, 2003 at Stagecoach Farm, 87 Tanguy Road, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. The program will include entertainment, games, genealogy displays, speakers, singers and depictions of famous Americans, William Penn, Ben Frank-

lin and George Washington, all of whom knew Bonsall in early America.

The Bonsall's are planning for 300 descendants and family to attend this 320th anniversary of Richard and Mary (Wood) Bonsall arriving in America. These committed descendants represent nearly every state in our country. I am pleased that a very large population of Bonsall's still live, work and play in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. There are over 35 streets named after various Bonsalls in the Delaware Valley. There are three states that have towns named Bonsall or Bonsal.

Mr. Speaker, family reunions offer a special time for families to come together for celebration and renewal of the ties that bind them. Although the Bonsall Family has endured trials and tribulations over the years, the family has maintained their love, devotion, and commitment to one another. I am certain that this year's reunion will be a very special and joyous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in extending best wishes to the entire Bonsall Family for a successful and heartwarming family reunion.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY ROSE
CLARK WALKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before this body of Congress to pay tribute to an outstanding woman from my district. Mary Clark Walker passed away recently at the amazing age of 108. Mary was one of a small number who had witnessed the dawn of two centuries, and the astounding advancement of technology in the United States over that time. Mary was lucky enough to see the beginning of the airplane, the television, and the modern automobile.

At a very young age, Mary moved from California to Ouray, Colorado where her original house on Oak Street still stands today. Mary gained a reputation as a hard worker. At a very young age, Mary began working to provide her family with extra spending money. She would often travel by train to Montrose, Colorado, where she would work a week at a time for the Ashenfelter Ranch. Mary sometimes stayed at the ranch for up to a month before she would return home to her family. It was this kind of work ethic that garnered Mary the respect of her town, which congratulated her by throwing a special 100th birthday party in her honor. Mary was also blessed with two sons, Jack and Lester, who claim her secret for a long and healthy life was nothing more than clean living and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Mary that constitute the heart of our great nation as well as the spirit of the West and I am honored to recognize her life before this body of Congress and this nation. While we are all saddened by the loss of such a great woman, we can take some solace in knowing that she lived a long and happy life. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary's friends and family during their time of mourning.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD D. FAUBLE,
SUPERINTENDENT OF TECUMSEH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Richard Fauble of Tecumseh, Michigan for his distinguished service to the community, most recently as the Superintendent of Tecumseh Public Schools.

As the Superintendent of the second largest district in Lenawee County, Richard Fauble oversaw the building of a new high school and extensive renovations to the middle school and four elementary schools. Both projects were successfully completed under budget.

Mr. Fauble distinguished himself both personally and professionally through his commitment to education. He earned his B.A. Degree from Central Michigan University and his Masters Degree in educational administration from the University of Michigan. He has also completed extensive coursework throughout the country.

Richard Fauble has made the most of his extensive education and training, serving in a variety of teaching and administrative positions. In the last 30 years, he has taught high school social studies, served as principals and superintendents in Wyoming, Wisconsin, Florida and Michigan. In each post, he offered his experience and expertise to improving the learning environment for students.

Education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests in good part with our schools. Richard Fauble's impact on the future leaders of our community and our country is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to honor Mr. Richard Fauble for his commitment and dedication to improving education. We thank him for his contributions to helping our young people become good citizens, and fit for the technology-based world of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. WILLIAMS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great community activist and humanitarian. Mr. Robert Williams, the exceptional leader of the Sports Foundation Inc. in the Bronx, has given 34 years of service to the youth of his community.

Mr. Williams helped found the Sports Foundation with the mission of promoting the development of youth through participation in community programs that involve sports, counseling, mentoring and education. The motto: "Building Social Responsibility through Sports" drives SFI to function as a model youth development organization, utilizing and providing prevention strategies and positive alternatives to substance use and anti-social behavior.

In addition to his work with the Sports Foundation in the Bronx, Mr. Williams has served

as Director of the Youth Development Program which began the first publicly elected youth council in the country. He has served as Director of the College Opportunity and Educational Development program in Harlem and was the first Black Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at New York University. He is also the author of *The Student Athlete Handbook*, which was published in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Williams has dedicated the majority of his adult life to serving his community. For four years he served as special assistant to the Bronx Borough President where he was responsible for all educational matters, including community school districts, institutions of higher education, libraries and cultural institutions.

Those who take the time to improve the lives of youth are special people. I am proud to say that our nation is a better place because of people like Mr. Robert Williams.

I thank Mr. Williams for 34 years of service to the youth of our community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him as a model American.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON GEORGE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to stand before this body to pay tribute to a great individual who, even at a very young age, understood the price of freedom. His story is one of honor, selflessness, and sacrifice, and I am honored to tell it to this Congress today.

In 1946, while just 15 years old, Don George had an exciting future ahead of him. Although just a high school freshman, he was already a starter on his high school basketball team. His country was finally at peace, having just defeated the Germans in Europe and the Japanese in Asia to close out World War II. Although he was too young to fight in the war, Don was old enough to understand how much his countrymen had sacrificed to help keep America free. So, he went off in the service of his country, pretending to be older than he was in order to meet the military's age requirements.

After his return from the service, Don came home and married the love of his life, Helen, to whom he has been married for 53 years. Don forged a career in the oil refinery business before retiring to pursue the things he and Helen love, such as country line dancing, bowling, and playing cards. Don is blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Don sacrificed his diploma in order to serve his nation. However, a new law in Colorado enables veterans to receive their high school diplomas, and now Don, who is 72-years-old, will walk across the stage with his graduating class, the class of 2003 at Fruita Monument High School in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievement of Don's upcoming commencement. The drive and dedication that Don has displayed in pursuing this diploma is extremely impressive, and his determination, along with his sacrifice to his country, is an outstanding example for America's youth. Don is truly a

dedicated patriot and citizen, and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to the Baraboo Public Library in Baraboo, Wisconsin for 100 years of service to the community. Constructed in 1903, this library has been an integral part of democratic society in Baraboo.

A public library serves as the cornerstone of democracy. A library fosters intellectual freedom and makes available to all citizens an extensive information network. In a local setting, citizens have access to global resources of information. The educational importance of a public library is immensely important in improving the community by providing access to higher learning. A library is a requirement for a cultivated democratic society.

A public library allows citizens to perform their civic duties placed upon them in our noble democratic Nation. It not only provides free worldwide access to information, but also is a place where residents can obtain information about their community, and where internet access, tax forms and voter registration forms are provided. The role of the public library is essential in supporting a democratic state. The Baraboo Public Library has gone beyond its civic duty in providing these services for the public.

Baraboo Public Library's vast success in the past 100 years has led it to develop a distinguished reputation within its community. It is evident that the library's dedication towards free information and democracy will allow the city of Baraboo to continue to foster higher education and diversity in society. I join Baraboo residents in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Baraboo Public Library.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Unfortunately, I missed the votes in the House of Representatives on June 16, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

H.R. 2254, the Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

H. Con. Res. 220, Commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, for their lives and accomplishments. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

S. 703, the Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRISTOPHER ENTZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and memory of an outstanding young man from my district. Kristopher Entz, a 17-year-old student from Center, Colorado passed away recently. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to the memory of Kristopher before this body of Congress and this nation.

Kristopher was a well-rounded, perpetually happy, all-American teenager, liked and admired by all. His sense of humor and penchant for pranks made him one of the most popular students at Sangre de Cristo High School. He was an outstanding student, as evidenced by his membership in the National Honor Society and his participation in Knowledge Bowl, an extra-curricular academic competition. Kristopher excelled in athletics as well, and was a terrific football player who also liked snowboarding, golf, and lifting weights.

Kristopher is survived by his parents Mike and Rhonda, his older sister Brynna, and a loving extended family, and my thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Kristopher's good-natured spirit will live on in the many lives he has touched in the San Luis Valley. His love, laughter, and dedication to his family, friends, school, and community will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING PAUL SABLAN DUENAS ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 2003

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas on his graduation from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science on May 23, 2003 and for his commissioning as Ensign in the United States Navy. Paul now joins his brother John, who also graduated from the Naval Academy, as a Naval Officer.

As a young man growing up on Guam, Paul demonstrated tremendous success as a student and leader at every academic level. He attended Cathedral Grade School in Hagatna, Guam and St. Francis School in Yona, Guam before enrolling at Father Duenas Memorial School, where he completed his secondary education. During high school career, Paul excelled in academics and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, he further developed his leadership talents by serving as Cadet Commanding Officer for the Father Duenas Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) during his senior year. Upon graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1999, Paul accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Today I join friends and family of Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas in congratulating him on

his graduation from the United States Naval Academy. He has received orders to report on-board the new *USS Mason* (DDG-87) in Norfolk, Virginia as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO). I am confident that Paul will be an outstanding officer in the United States Navy, and I commend him for his distinguished academic career and his self-less dedication and commitment to the service of our Nation.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
MARTIN TAYLOR WHITMER III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to send my personal congratulations to Julie Thurmond Whitmer and Martin Whitmer on the birth of their first son, Martin Taylor Whitmer III. This is a very special young boy, as he is the first grandson of 100-year old Senator Strom Thurmond, South Carolina's living legend.

According to The State's Lee Bandy, "Martin Taylor Whitmer III was born at 1:59 p.m. Monday (June 16, 2003), at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long . . . Young Taylor already has a nickname—Tate."

I am so happy for the Whitmer family, grandmother Nancy Thurmond and Senator Thurmond, who's life has been full of milestones. There is no doubt that his grandson will inherit his strength, courage and patriotism.

CARL T. CURTIS NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE MIDWEST REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my voice in support of S. 703, the Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building Designation Act.

Carl Curtis served in Congress longer than any other Nebraskan—16 years in the House followed by 24 years in the Senate. In those 40 years, he built a strong legacy of legislative accomplishments. One of his greatest was the creation of the Pick-Sloan Plan for the Missouri basin, which was the blueprint for flood control and irrigation along the Missouri River. In addition, he came to be widely regarded as an authority on tax policy. He also transformed the Senate Republican Conference, making it the research body it is today, providing relevant information on national issues for the members of his caucus.

Politically, he was a force to be reckoned with. Having defeated two incumbent governors, one former governor, one governor-to-be, and two former House members, Carl Curtis is known by many as ending or sidetracking many a political career. But for me, Mr. Speaker, it is just the opposite. I credit Mr. Curtis with having given life to my political career by virtue of the fact that he spon-

sored me as a Senate page. I served 4 years as a page, and have since gone on to serve in a number of political positions—in the Nixon Administration, Fairfax County Supervisor, and of course my current role as the Representative for the 11th District of Virginia. Along the way, though, we all remember the person who gave us our first break. For me, that person was Senator Carl Curtis.

Senator Curtis passed away on January 24, 2000. I still owe him a debt of gratitude, and appreciate this opportunity to express my continuing appreciation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM
SUPLIZIO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to stand before this body of Congress to honor a man known as Colorado's "Mr. Baseball." Sam Suplizio of Grand Junction, Colorado has spent his life playing, coaching, and promoting the game. As he retires from his position as Director and Chairman of the National Junior College World Series, I would like to pay tribute to this outstanding leader.

Fifty years ago, Sam was one of the top amateur baseball players in the nation. Following a brilliant collegiate career in which he became the University of New Mexico's first All-American baseball player, the New York Yankees signed Sam and quickly labeled him as their top prospect. As a minor leaguer in 1955, Sam hit more home runs than Roger Maris, and the next year the Yankees called him up to the big leagues. Unfortunately, only three days after joining the team, Sam suffered a career-ending injury while sliding into second base.

Despite the setback, Sam rebounded to become a professional scout, coach, and manager with the California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers. He coached superstars Paul Molitor, Robin Yount, and Bo Jackson, participated in selecting members of the U.S. Olympic Baseball Team, and earned a World Series Ring in 1982 with the Brewers.

While his association with professional baseball lasted 50 years, Sam always took the time to give back to the community. In addition to four decades of leadership with the Junior College World Series, thousands of little leaguers, high school, and college players in Colorado benefited from the free clinics Sam frequently conducted. As co-chairman of the Colorado Baseball Commission, Sam led the effort to bring the Rockies to Colorado and was instrumental in the building of Coors Field. He was so effective in that role that Colorado's Governor appointed him to help build a new stadium for the Denver Broncos as well.

Mr. Speaker, athletics teach our young people important life lessons about dedication, sacrifice, and teamwork, and I am proud to pay tribute to a man who has spent five decades imparting these values to our youth. Sam is a true public servant who has done so much for the game of baseball and the state of Colorado, and I am proud to honor him before this body of Congress today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOAN HINDE
STEWART

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who is an exceptional scholar, a renowned literary commentator and a distinguished leader at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Joan Hinde Stewart, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the USC, is leaving in July to accept a position as the 19th president and first-ever female president of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, and I ask you to join me in commending her for a job well done.

Dr. Stewart's accomplishments during her tenure at USC have been astonishing. She has led the university's largest and most academically diverse college, and served as a member of the Provost's Strategic Directives and Initiatives Committee that financially restructured the university last year. Dr. Stewart's leadership helped the college boast the highest increase this year in funds attained through research grants at a time when the university is shifting its focus toward technological and biomedical research.

Dr. Stewart's merit not only benefits the university at-large but also touches individual students. As a professor of French, she is known for her extensive historical perspectives on French literature and for bringing her latest analysis of some long neglected writers into her classroom.

Before coming to USC, Dr. Stewart headed the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for 12 years at North Carolina State University. She has lectured on French literature and culture at numerous universities, including Oxford, Columbia, and Yale, which is where she earned her Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Stewart is an extraordinary example of leadership in higher education. She has excelled in academia and administration at the University of South Carolina, and her unique talents will be missed. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in applauding Dr. Joan Stewart's contributions to USC and wishing her the best of luck in her new position at Hamilton College.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S
RIGHTS PIONEER, REP. MARTHA
CRIFFITHS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tonight we honor former Congresswoman Martha Griffiths. I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues my admiration for one of Michigan's and this nation's most distinguished leaders.

Martha Griffiths is the woman most responsible for the inclusion of women in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Act was a landmark piece of legislation that outlawed discrimination on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, or religion in the election process, employment, public accommodations, or in Federally-assisted

programs. It opened the doors of opportunity to women throughout the United States and spurred women across the world to fight for similar laws in their home countries.

She was the first woman appointed to the Detroit Recorder's Court, the first woman sent to Congress from her district, the first woman seated on the House Ways and Means Committee in 1954 and the first woman chosen to serve as Michigan's Lieutenant Governor. As the first woman and the first African-American to ever represent the Dallas, TX area in Congress, I have learned a great deal from her empathetic approach to public policy and political leadership. She never forgot that the bills we considered and the policies we crafted affected real people with real families. She always considered how a bill might affect our community's most disadvantaged families.

Martha's greatest legislative victory came when she engineered the inclusion of a ban on sex discrimination in the landmark 1964 civil rights legislation, which paved the way for a number of laws and Supreme Court rulings on issues ranging from equal pay to freedom from sexual harassment.

She displayed considerable political savvy in 1970 when she employed a little-known parliamentary tactic to blast the ERA out of the House Judiciary Committee, where it had been stalled for 47 years.

As a legislator, I admire Martha Griffiths. She earned the respect of her colleagues for both her intelligence and independence; they have described her as "tough as alligator skin" with "a steel-trap mind."

Mr. Speaker, Representative Martha Griffiths has been a clear, strong and consistent voice for women and women's issues. I am proud to stand here in honor of Martha Griffiths and her legacy.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDDIE VALENTINELLI

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Eddie Valentinelli of Grand Junction, Colorado. Eddie's passion for life was reflected in the time and effort that he devoted to the Junior College World Series (JUCO). As his family and friends mourn his loss, I would like to commend Eddie for his enthusiasm for the game and pay tribute to the impact that he had on his community.

Eddie attended every JUCO World Series game from the time the series began in 1958. He arrived at the ballpark at 5 a.m. every Saturday to help the grounds crew, loving to socialize with the players and coaches throughout the day. Fans have noted that the series would not be the same without Eddie's presence in his usual seat. Eddie's dedication to JUCO has extended beyond his own lifetime, as he had made the JUCO World Series Organization a major benefactor in his will. While the financial benefit from his contribution was welcomed, the sentimental value of the gesture is what individuals associated with JUCO will always remember.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to Ed-

die's dedication and commitment to his fellow Coloradans. Individuals like Eddie provide the strength of spirit and character that make this nation great. While he will be dearly missed, Eddie's spirit will live on through the lives of those whom he has touched. I extend my deepest sympathies to Eddie's family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING MISS LUCILE BLUFORD UPON HER DEATH, PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF THE CALL NEWSPAPER

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I rise today to honor Miss Lucile Bluford, editor and publisher of The Call newspaper in Kansas City, Missouri. Miss Bluford passed away Friday, June 13. She had been an employee of The Call for 71 years and editor/publisher since 1955. She would have been 92 years young this July 1.

Miss Bluford, as she was known by everyone, was a trail blazer and pioneer for civil rights and equality for African-Americans. She fought both personally and professionally to end segregation and advance opportunities for our community. Through her fight to access graduate journalism school for herself and other minorities and her leadership in the civil rights and journalism communities, Miss Bluford left an enduring mark in her advocacy for equality.

Miss Bluford graduated from the University of Kansas School of Journalism in 1932 and joined The Call shortly thereafter as a reporter. In 1938, she filed a mandamus suit against the University of Missouri Graduate School of Journalism for being denied admittance because of her color. Miss Bluford wrote and fought for racial and social justice ever since. She reported about the plight of those unfortunate enough to help themselves, the poor and disenfranchised. Miss Bluford had an effect on making our community and nation better aware of the inequalities existing.

Miss Bluford had the ear of those who were wealthy and those who were not, and conversed with the common citizen or those of stature. I met with Lucile many times and I always treasured her company and conversation. I invariably would leave with a much more valuable insight on the issues of the day as well as the rich history she lived—especially her struggles in the civil rights movement.

Miss Bluford's leadership and accomplishments have been recognized on numerous occasions, including receiving the Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism from the University of Missouri. Last fall she was honored by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as "Kansas Citian of the Year for 2002." Awards she received throughout her career include the Distinguished Service Award from the national NAACP, an Honorary Doctorate degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Martin Luther King Award, University of Missouri Distinguished Service Medal of Honor, and the Rec-

ognition Award for Unsurpassed and Dedicated Service to the Community by the Northwest Missouri Division of the African Methodist and Episcopal Church.

One of the honors she cherished most was the University of Kansas establishment of the Lucile H. Bluford Scholarship Fund for students interested in studying journalism. This lasting legacy to Miss Bluford will provide future generations with the opportunity to fulfill their dream of journalism.

Miss Bluford has been recognized for her service to our community and nation. She had served as a juror Pulitzer Prize for Journalism, was a member of the National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and had been selected to make a trip to Israel in 1972 with a group of American newspaper editors. Miss Bluford served on the Governor's Committee for "Jobs for Missourians," was a board member and Secretary of the Missouri Commission of Human Rights from 1957 to 1969, and served on the Governor's Task Force on the role of Private Higher Education in Missouri. She served on local boards of United Way, NAACP, Kansas City Council on Crime Prevention, Kansas City Cancer Society, Kansas City Area Hospital Association, Model Cities Day Care Corporation, Legal Aid and Defender Society, and the University of Missouri at Kansas City Cockeair Chair Board of Directors.

As publisher and editor of The Call newspaper, she elevated the awareness of the African-American community in relation to its role in the broader majority society. Miss Bluford was a dedicated journalist from her humble beginnings as a reporter to the position of publisher and editor—she never forgot her roots. I fondly remember how she would dutifully take notes on her reporter's pad with her ever present red pen. As a role model and a journalist, I remember Miss Bluford for her fairness and unassuming manner. She was never one to seek out the spotlight or glory. She spoke her mind to the powerful and stood by her beliefs without hesitation.

Miss Bluford has been an inspiration to me. Her dedication and commitment to public service served as an example to all of us who work to make our community better. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring her for her service to our community and the nation.

Miss Bluford can never be replaced, but her ideals and principals will remain as a fundamental foundation for our community. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family members, co-workers, and friends. All of our lives are richer for having known Miss Lucile H. Bluford.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONWIDE GUN BUYBACK ACT OF 2003

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am encouraged to introduce the Nationwide Gun Buyback Act of 2003, NGBA, by the actions of the District of Columbia residents on Father's Day last Sunday. Citizens who had lost relatives and representatives of 20 advocacy and victim-support groups gathered at Freedom

Plaza, a stone's throw from the White House, to declare their own moratorium on murder for the Father's Day weekend.

Not only did their moratorium have important symbolic value; in fact there was only one murder last weekend. Of primary importance was the fact that the moratorium was symbolic and entirely citizen initiated. Residents themselves must take responsibility for crime and not regard criminal activity as a matter for the police alone. I am pleased that the D.C. Council and the Mayor responded with a resolution supporting the moratorium, but the event got its importance from its origin with residents. The moratorium was initiated by Kenneth E. Burnes whose son was murdered in his U Street store and became one of 233 residents killed in 2001. This year's homicide rate is 9 percent ahead of last year's rate. Almost all of the killings here and elsewhere are committed by handguns.

The bill, however, does not conflict with Member's positions on the controversial issue of gun control. The bill would simply allow people who desire to get guns out of their homes to do so without incurring criminal penalties for possession. Families, and especially mothers, have feared guns in their homes, but often do not know how to get rid of them. In most jurisdictions, a grandmother petrified that there is a gun in the house for example, or her grandson, who may possess the illegal weapons cannot turn it in without subjecting herself or her grandson to prosecution. This is reason enough for gun buyback efforts.

Like tax amnesty, gun amnesty puts a premium on the ultimate goal. When the goal is taxes, the government puts a premium on getting the amount owed. When the goal is guns, the premium is on getting deadly weapons off the streets and out of people's homes. This bill is entirely voluntary and does not compel anyone to give up a handgun, even one that is illegally held.

This bill would provide Federal funds to local jurisdictions to engage in gun buyback programs like the successful programs conducted by the District of Columbia a few years ago. Under the bill, funds would be distributed through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD. After evaluation of proposals, added weight would be given to jurisdictions with the greatest incidence of gun violence. The NGBA would require that a jurisdiction certify that it is capable of destroying the guns within 30 days, that it can conduct the program safely, and that an amnesty appropriate for the jurisdiction will be offered. Not only individuals, but groups such as gangs could take advantage of the buyback provisions to encourage street gangs to disarm themselves.

This bill is necessary because, despite the extraordinary demonstrated success of the gun buyback program in the District, local jurisdictions have not readily available funds for similar programs. The District was forced to find money on an ad hoc basis and ran out of funds despite residents who still desired to turn in guns. Initially, the District conducted a pilot program using funds from HUD. Confronted with long lines of residents, the Police Department then took the program citywide, using drug asset forfeiture funds. Even so, after using \$290,000, the city ran out of funds, but not of guns, that could have been collected. The guns were a "good buy" but hard-pressed jurisdictions, especially big cities,

should not have to rob Peter to pay Paul when it comes to public safety. The Federal Government can play a unique and noncontroversial role in reducing gun violence by providing the small amount authorized by my bill, \$50 million, to encourage buyback efforts where a local jurisdiction believes they can be helpful.

The Nation's Capital has successfully demonstrated a faster and easier way to put guns under the control of law enforcement where criminals cannot use them and children and adults cannot misuse them. Gun buyback efforts are not new, but the recent, dramatic impact of the District's program has special bipartisan and natural appeal today because the program is voluntary and requires no change in local or Federal gun laws. A gun buyback bill is certainly no substitute for gun safety legislation, but my bill is based on demonstrated and successful experience in a number of cities that have achieved voluntary compliance by citizens with local laws.

The extraordinary success of the buyback programs in the District and around the country has shown that these programs should now be readily available to jurisdictions that desire to use them. In a market economy, efforts to buy back guns have special appeal. We may disagree on the various approaches as to gun violence, but Democrats and Republicans alike can agree to this sensible approach.

I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE FRIGETTO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress today to recognize the twenty-two years of service that Florence Frigetto has dedicated to the children of Montrose, Colorado. Florence is retiring after having served as the Director of Food Service for the Montrose County School District for the last thirteen years. As we mark her retirement, I would like to commend Florence for the devotion that she has shown to her students over the years.

Florence became the district's food service administrator after making meals from scratch for the local schools for nearly a decade. Florence's co-workers estimate that she has served or supervised nearly thirteen million meals over her career. In her time as a food service administrator, she has focused on maintaining the quality of the food along with its nutritious value. Florence, a respected baker, ensures that all the bread eaten by her students is freshly baked in the school's kitchen.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions Florence Frigetto has made to the health and well being of Colorado's children. Florence will certainly be missed by the children under her care, as well as by her co-workers who have come to know and admire her remarkable dedication. Florence, I wish you all the best in your retirement and thank you for your many years of exemplary service.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JUSTIN SEAMAN OF CLAYSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an exceptional young man from Claysville, Pennsylvania, in my district. Mr. Justin Seaman has recently distinguished himself and has earned several honors as a talented and successful film producer and writer. Justin owns and manages his own film company, Nevermore Production, which has produced two movies that earned tremendous accolades for their powerful themes and serious messages. And while others have won awards for such accomplishments, what is unique about Justin, however, is the fact that he is still in high school. In fact, his projects have struck a chord with his friends and fellow teens, so much so that Justin has enlisted the support of many fellow students at McGuffey High School in producing his work. Films, like one Justin produced about the catastrophic consequences of drinking and driving are changing lives for the better. Using art, Justin is making a real difference in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the example one great young man is setting for teens across Southwestern Pennsylvania. Too often when we in Congress talk about teens, we focus on the negative influences affecting them today: drug addiction, alcohol abuse, teen pregnancies, and on and on. But young men like Justin Seaman are standing up for a generation. They are determined to set the right example and to do it with style. We ought to stop and recognize the positive influences of these young leaders more often in America. Our country is a far better place for being home to such inspiring and responsible young adults as Justin.

Justin's accomplishments have been recognized on a National level. Just last week he was invited to the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts along with hundreds of his peers from across the nation for special recognition. His recognitions include the Robert Morris College TVT Award of Excellence, the Critics Award for Excellence in acting, four national honors at the Scholastic Inc. Art & Writing competition, one gold award for a personal essay, "A Guarantee in Life" and last, but not least, a silver award as well as the American Visions award for his mixed media entry in Scholastic Inc.'s national competition. Justin's list of honors and awards confirms his dedication to furthering excellence in the arts and has rightfully earned him recognition as a leader in the competitive performing arts arena. Justin desires to direct films one day in hopes of reaching the caliber of renowned director, Wes Craven. This coming senior year, Justin has already lined up five films to produce. I have no doubt that Justin's ambition, drive and devotion to the arts will prove fruitful as he continues to pursue his dream of making films. I wish him the best of luck and all the success that his efforts award him and I thank him for being a true role model for teens everywhere across our country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOWARD
CULP

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I recognize an individual today who has spent his life in the service of our youth. Howard Culp has spent 33 years as an educator in Colorado's Four Corner's region. As Howard begins his retirement, I would like to

thank him for his contributions to the community before this body of Congress and this nation.

Howard is one of those special people in our society who chooses his profession based not on the amount of money he can make but rather the difference he can make in the lives of his students. As a fifth and sixth grade teacher for eight years and the principal at Mancos Elementary and Kemper Elementary Schools in Southwest Colorado for a combined 25 years, Howard has positively impacted the lives of thousands of young people.

The commitment Howard has exhibited throughout his 33 years of service in Colorado's schools is truly inspirational. It is clear, based on the impact Howard has had on his students, that his presence will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, our society owes a debt to the Howard Culps of this nation who sacrifice so much to give our youth the tools they need to succeed in life. I am truly honored to recognize Howard here today and to wish him all the best in his retirement.